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Spring 2013
Semester
Registration
Through January 26
Semester begins
January 22

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International
Services
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January 18
1:30 - 3 p.m.
C3370

MLK Day Observed
GSU Closed
January 21

Student Clubs
Resource Fair
January 22
Noon - 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Secretary of State
Mobile Services
January 22
1 - 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Campus Crawl
January 23
3 to 6 p.m.
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Hypnotist
Performance
January 24
6 - 8 p.m.
Sherman Recital Hall
GSU students &
families
Free

Braid Tales
January 26
8 p.m.

News and Events

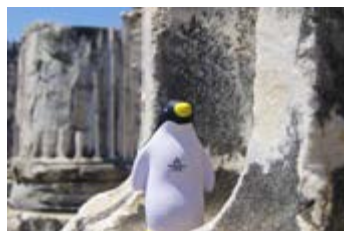
76 Admitted at Instant Admission Day ((07-30-12)

Saturday's Instant Admission Day was a success with 76 prospective students admitted as GSU undergraduates for the fall semester. A total of 82 persons applied for admission at the open house event.

Courtney Kohn Sanders, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing, thanked everyone who participated in Instant Admission Day. "Kudos to the entire enrollment management team as we had a very successful Instant Admission Day," Sanders said.

Enrollment Management will be working with the newly-admitted students this week so that they are registered for fall classes, Sanders said.

Pierre in the Ancient World



Pierre in Didyma

the ancient cities of Miletus, Didyma, and Ephesus.

In Miletus, Pierre stood in the middle of the huge Hellenistic theater, which had crowds of up to 15,000. In Didyma, our penguin stood among the pillars of the Temple of Apollo.

Send your pictures of Pierre's summer travels to GSU View and you will be eligible for fabulous prizes in our Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest. For information on picking up your own GSU penguin for travels near and far, and how to enter the contest, visit [Pierre's webpage](#).

GSU's globetrotting penguin, Pierre, experienced Biblical-era culture this summer during a visit

to Turkey with Dr. Daniel Cortese, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology. He toured



Apollo's Temple

Saving Our Youth from Gangs

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Cntr Perf Arts

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and Chili Dinner
January 26
2 - 5 p.m.
708.534.3084

Mindfulness and
Psychotherapy
Certificate Program
Information Session
February 1
7 - 9 p.m.
E-Lounge
Dr. Maristela Zell

Scholarship and
Application
Essay Writing
Workshop
February 6
3 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Dr. Christopher Ann Robinson Easley, associate professor of management, will discuss her new book, *Our Children, Our Responsibilities: Saving the Youth We are Losing to Gangs*, this week on KABF-FM, a community radio station in Little Rock, Arkansas. She will appear on the Literary Nation program Thursday, August 2, from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. The program will stream live on the Internet at www.kabf.us.



Dr. Robinson-Easley

Robinson-Easley's book offers a well-designed, multi-disciplinary strategy for the future. Robinson-Easley, who specializes in organization development leading to systemic change, guides the reader through the social, psychological, and theological dynamics for a step-by-step whole systems change model addressing challenges in the African American community and youth gravitating to gang environments.

As part of the radio station's Tune-in To Books initiative, several organizations, educators and youth advocates from around the country will listen to the interview in their classrooms, community centers, libraries, and media centers.

Deadline Nears for Baysore Award Nominations

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Picnic Volunteers Needed

The GSU Picnic Committee is looking for faculty and staff volunteers for the GSU Faculty and Staff Summer Picnic on August 10. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, serving, registration, and clean-up at the end of the picnic.

Please contact [Gina Ragland](#) at ext. 7559., by August 1 to sign up and for more details.

Scholarship Spotlight - Greg Meyer

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Greg Meyer

Greg Meyer of Lynwood received the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship. He is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration, working toward a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is currently a staff accountant for an executive search firm.

Greg's goal is to advance his position in a firm closer to home and to serve the community by helping individuals manage their own finances more efficiently.

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Students Get Direct Deposit of Refunds

Students can now receive refunds from the university (including Financial Aid advances and other refunds) through direct deposit into their designated bank account. It is quick and easy to set it up and it makes getting refunds much faster and easier.

To submitting direct deposit information through myGSU Portal, follow these steps:

1. Log into the myGSU portal at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>
2. Click on Online Services and select Financial Information
3. Click on Bank Information (U.S.)
4. Enter your banking information, including account and routing numbers
5. Read and select *I Agree* to the Terms and Conditions
6. Click on the *Submit* button
7. You will receive an email confirmation that your submission was recorded

MyGSU User name and password
GSU Help Desk
708.534.4357

Updating your bank information
GSU Accounts Payable
708.235.7354

Financial Aid information
GSU Financial Aid
708.534.4480

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Hit Musical Comes to GSU

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Annie Litchfield
and Louis Wood

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E and F Wing Renovations Move Above Ground

After spending the spring completing demolition, and the summer digging new foundations and installing underground piping, GSU's E and F Wing renovation project is finally "out of the ground."

Last week contractors installed the new structural system, infilling the former two-story atrium to create more usable floor space. When the project is complete, there will be new labs on the first and second floor where infill occurred. The corridor will be relocated along the north wall with views of the CSU pond, prairie, and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Bruce Crooks of ITS has been documenting the renovation with his camera. [Click here](#) for his latest images.

Jim Zumerchik, FDM's new project manager, is pictured in one of the photographs. FDM is pleased to welcome Jim. Thanks to Bruce for his great camera work.

Annual Meeting - Friends of the Library

The annual meeting of the Friends of the GSU Library will be held on August 15, at noon, in the Library administrative conference room. New officers will be elected. Nominations of current members for office will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.



New members are also welcome. Membership in the Friends is only \$5 for students, \$35 for faculty and staff, and \$100 for community members.

The Friends sponsor programs and events that support the GSU Library. They accept donations and host fundraisers, including the used book sale.

Recently the Friends received a donation from faculty member Dr. Jon Carlson. Dr. Carlson donated his professional library to the GSU Friends of the Library. Dr. Carlson will be recognized at a "Treasured Friend" for his generosity. His name will appear on a plaque on display in the Library.

For more information about the Friends, contact [Pam Taylor](#) at ext. 7527.

Can't Beat the Real Thing

It was once said that "Things Go Better With Coke." The GSU community can find that out for themselves now that FSI has added a Coca Cola vending machine in the cafeteria dining room.

FSI responded to the GSU community's request for Coke and Diet Coke products. Keep your suggestions coming and enjoy offerings in the cafeteria and vending areas.

Professor Emeritus - Dr. Mel Muchnik

Dr. Mel Muchnik, Professor Emeritus and a founding faculty/administrator of GSU, was recently named Communication Officer to the Board Administration of VOSH International (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity).

The volunteer position supports VOSH/International as the voice of optometry in developing nations. VOSH/International facilitates the providing and sustaining of vision care worldwide for people who have little or no access or resources. In December 2001, VOSH/International partnered with the World Health Organization and pledged to eliminate preventable blindness by the year 2020.

In support of this goal, Muchnik has been on two missions to Bolivia and one to Grenada, serving 5,500 patients in the last three years. With his wife Janet (a GSU master's degree graduate and former Park Forest village manager), he supported eye doctors on the missions by assisting with the set-up of clinics, taking



Mel Muchnik

registration, and administering eye chart testing.

Scholarship Spotlight - Lisa Mazur



Lisa Mazur
service projects.

Lisa Mazur of South Chicago Heights received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services working toward her Master of Occupational Therapy.

Lisa currently works as a patient transporter at a local hospital. She also serves as the treasurer of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, where she enjoys serving the community through the group's

Our Penguin in the Nation's Capital (07-23-12)



In the Reading Room

Congress, where he was photographed in the main reading room. Outside the Library of Congress, Pierre posed in front of the Capitol dome.

Pierre's amazing summer of travel continued when he accompanied Assistant Professor of History David Golland to Washington, D.C. Pierre assisted Golland with his research for his new book.

Pierre visited the National Archives and the Library of



A view of the Capitol

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Psychology Faculty to Present Symposium at APA Convention

GSU will be represented by two faculty and one graduate student at the 120th National Convention of the American Psychological Association, taking place in Orlando, Fla., on August 2 to 5.

Drs. Jean Johnson and Al Tuskenis will present a symposium titled *The STP Capstone Project*:

Capstone Effectiveness and Resource Page. They will present the



Dr. Jean Johnson

symposium with Dr. Wendy Close of Wisconsin Lutheran College. This is the culmination of a

multiple year national research project on capstone courses in undergraduate psychology programs, which was supported by a research grant from GSU as well as a Partnership Grant from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Dr. Johnson, who is the 2012 GSU Psychology Faculty of the Year recipient, has chaired this effort.



Dr. Al Tuskenis

Donelle Wilkin, a recent GSU and the 2012 GSU Theoretical Psychology Student of the Year, will present a poster on her recently completed master's thesis: *Narcissism in College Age Students: Media Effects*.

Legally Blonde: The Musical Starts Run This Weekend

Punctuated by peppy songs and snappy dance numbers, Legally Blonde: The Musical is the perfect antidote for whatever ails you this summer – whether it's a broken air conditioner, a neighbor's car alarm at 2 a.m., or an extremely long line at the ice cream parlor.



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Phoenix Has Openings for Editors, Business Manager

GSU's student newspaper, the Phoenix, has the following stipend positions open to current students (who are taking at least six credit hours per semester): editor, associate editor, and business manager. Staff writers are also needed.

Interested students should contact faculty advisor [Victoria Pierce](#) at

708.774.4589. Students can also fill out an application outside the newsroom, E1500.

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Direct Deposit of Reimbursements Now Available (07-19-12)

Reimbursements for travel or other approved university functions by faculty and staff can now be deposited directly into designated bank accounts. Such reimbursements are separate from payroll direct deposits.

In order to take advantage of this easy and fast process, it is important that you provide your banking information. The university will be using this information to direct deposit any reimbursements to which you are entitled, and for no other purpose. This process must be followed even if you already allow direct deposit for payroll.

To provide or update bank information:

1. Log into the myGSU portal at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>
2. Click on Online Services and select Financial Information
3. Click on Bank Information (U.S.)
4. Enter your banking information, including account and routing numbers
5. Read and select I Agree to the Terms and Conditions
6. Click on the Submit button
7. You will receive an email confirmation that your submission was recorded

For questions on your myGSU user name and password, contact the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.4357. For questions on updating your bank information, contact GSU Accounts Payable at 708.235.7374.

Pierre and the Presidents



Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Lincoln ... and Pierre. GSU's favorite penguin shared his beak with the famous presidential faces on Mt. Rushmore when he traveled to South Dakota's Black Hills with Kelly McCarthy of the Academic Resource Center.

Pierre also got to experience gorgeous scenery along the Needles Highway in Custer State Park, including the Cathedral Spires.



At Cathedral Spires

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FDC Campers Act Out!

The curtain rises on a variety show featuring the talented children attending the Family Development Center's Adventure Camp this summer. The student production is on July 23, at 11 a.m., in Sherman Hall.

The children will recite poetry, perform skits of popular fairy tales and fables, and entertain us with a song or two.

Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy the show, and support our talented young thespians. Wild, encouraging applause will also be welcome!

Revised Business Card Process

The university has revised its electronic process for ordering business cards. In addition, the business card layout has been changed to better

meet GSU's new branding standards.

The cards will be printed on a thicker, gray linen stock and include the new GSU logo, which is now available in black and white or color. Smaller card quantities are also available.

How to Order:

1. Access the Online Order form at www.orderprinting.com or via the myGSU portal (under Procurement/Print Shop)
2. Enter the account number (40333494), the password (gsu), and your name
3. Enter card information into the form
4. Review and accept electronic proof
5. Complete a purchase requisition in the Datatel system (note: cards will NOT be sent to the printer until a purchase order has been issued by Procurement)
6. Marketing and Communications is electronically notified and reviews card contents
7. Business cards will be received in approximately one week.

GSU has contracted with bct Illinois to print all business cards. Please indicate this vendor on related requisitions. The University Print Shop no longer processes business cards and does not need to receive a separate print shop order form, as in the past.

Call ext. 4056 with questions.

On-the-spot Admission at Open House Event

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Scholarship Spotlight - Russh'a Maclin-Harris



Russh'a Maclin-Harris of Chicago received the Joyce E. Gordon Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the college of Health and Human Services, working toward her masters in social work.

Russh'a's goal is ultimately to help communities plan organizations to address issues that concern the people in their communities and to work with government and corporations to influence policy that

Russh'a
Maclin-Harris help communities grow.

Diet? What Diet? (07-19-12)



Pierre and Paula

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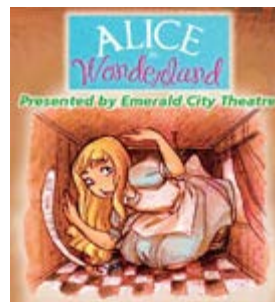
Pierre the Penguin helped himself to a big slice of diet-busting southern cuisine during a recent trip to Savannah, GA with Pam Stipanich, of CHHS. At celebrity chef Paula Deen's restaurant, The Lady and Sons, Pierre took time off from his usual penguin diet to sample the local delicacies. His favorites? Mac and cheese, and gooey butter cakes. Yum!

Alice Comes to CPA Thursday

Alice in Wonderland, the beloved story of a girl who falls down a rabbit hole and into the adventure of her life, comes to the GSU Center for Performing Arts for a single performance on Thursday, July 19, at 11 a.m.

As presented by Chicago's Emerald Street Theatre, *Alice in Wonderland* is an exciting tale suitable for children three years of age and older. Emerald City has adapted Lewis Carroll's classic story to the stage for the whole family to enjoy.

Join practical Alice for a tea party with the Mad Hatter, a croquet match with the Red Queen, and a wild journey with the Cheshire Cat. Alice is taking a magical, unforgettable trip that is sure to delight the imagination of young theater-goers – and you're invited along.



Alice at CPA

Tickets are \$9 each for individuals and \$7 for groups of 20 or more. For tickets call the CPA box office at 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

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Orientation 2012 Getting Closer

Orientation sessions for new GSU students on Thursday, August 16 and Saturday, August 18 will provide an introduction to student resources, services, and programs that will lead to a successful college experience.

Undergraduate Orientation is August 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Graduate Orientation is August 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, also in the CPA. The on-campus orientation is required for all new students -- graduates and undergraduates. New students need to register for Orientation at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>.

Orientation features a welcome by President Elaine P. Maimon, an overview of services available to students, an ITS overview, and breakout sessions in respective colleges. Information tables for more than a dozen university units will be set up to give further information on services available to students.

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Baysore Award Honors an Exemplary Employee

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Musical Fun, Wrapped in a Pink Bow

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Annie Litchfield
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August 4 and 5 at GSU's Center for Performing Arts.

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Morrow Ruetten Named Interim Dean of GSU Library (07-12-12)

President Elaine P. Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Lydia Morrow Ruetten as Interim Dean of the GSU Library. Professor Morrow Ruetten holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Governors State University. She has been with the university since 1989, and most recently served as Interim Library Program Coordinator and the Serials/Acquisitions Librarian.



Morrow Ruetten

Morrow Ruetten was responsible for the founding of the Friends of the GSU Library. She has helped the library receive several grants; she is co-author and co-coordinator of the grant that brought the first traveling exhibit, "Changing the Face of Medicine," to the GSU Library. She has held leadership roles with the American Library Association, the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, and the University Professionals of Illinois. She was an elected delegate for the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers. Morrow Ruetten continues to serve on the advisory board of the College of DuPage Library Technical Assistant Program.

"I am pleased that Lydia Morrow Ruetten is willing to serve as Interim Dean at a crucial time for the Library," said Provost Terry L. Allison. "Her leadership, as we plan to serve our first lower division students and complete space planning for the Library, will be crucial to the next stage of the Library's growth."

"I have greatly appreciated Ms. Morrow Ruetten's role as chair of the Intellectual Life Committee and look forward to her growing leadership in the university," President Maimon said.

President Maimon and Provost Allison thanked and commended Nancy John for her outstanding one-year service as Interim Library Director. John, who retired from the University of Illinois at Chicago after a long, distinguished career in university librarianship, came to GSU part-time during this past year. During this time, and with Morrow Ruetten as the Interim Library Program Coordinator, GSU Library underwent some major transitions in staff and approaches to expanding services. GSU thanks Ms. John and wishes her a happy return to golf, continued library board service, and in her many other activities.

Baysore Award Nominating Process Begins

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2012-2013 Holiday Closing Schedule

The holiday closing schedule for the 2012-2013 academic year was announced this week by Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff Gebe Ejigu. You can read the [holiday closing schedule](#) here.

CBPA Hosts Graduate Programs Open House

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, July 14, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration, management information systems, and public administration. Various specialization areas are available for business administration, including corporate entrepreneurship and supply chain management. A new online cohort for supply chain management will begin in January, 2013.

The open house is free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP please call (708) 534-4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

Open Admission Day Scheduled July 28

Prospective undergraduate students, with the proper transcripts, can be admitted on the spot to GSU at Instant Admission Day on Saturday, July 28. GSU will host the free open house event from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. for students interested in transferring into one of GSU's bachelor's degree completion programs.

At past Instant Admission Days, more than half the attending students were admitted to GSU undergraduate programs. Admission counselors and academic program advisors are available to review transcripts and provide students with an instant decision on university admission.

Attendees will learn about specific undergraduate programs and financial aid, and have the option of attending group sessions or meeting with staff on a one-to-one basis.

For more information about Instant Admission Day, contact the GSU [Office of Admission](#) or (708) 534-4490.

Get to Know Your University

Orientation sessions for new GSU students on Thursday, August 16 and Saturday, August 18 will provide an introduction to student resources, services, and programs that will lead to a successful college experience.

Undergraduate Orientation is August 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Graduate Orientation is August 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, also in the CPA. The on-campus orientation is required for all new students -- graduates and undergraduates. New students need to register for Orientation at <http://mygovst.govst.edu>.

Orientation features a welcome by President Elaine P. Maimon, an overview of services available to students, an ITS overview, and breakout sessions in respective colleges. Information tables for more than a dozen university units will be set up to give further information on services available to students.

For more information on Orientation, call 708.235.7362.

LSAT Prep Class 2012

GSU is offering a free Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation class. The course begins with a mandatory pre-test on Saturday, August 11 or 18, at 9 a.m., in room B2203. Classes will be held on Mondays, beginning August 13, and continuing through April 29, 2013. All classes are from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., in room B2203.

University tutor David Sparks of the Academic Resource Center will teach the preparation classes for the LSAT. Class work will focus on the three main areas of the test: reading comprehension, logic reasoning, and analytical reasoning.

While many test prep services charge \$1,000 or more for LSAT prep classes, GSU is offering this class at no charge. "This is an opportunity for GSU to offer an important service to the community," says Sparks. "Preparing for this test is not easy. We don't want cost to stop people from taking a course that can help them prepare."

Advance registration is required and seats are limited. For more information or to register, call (708) 235-3963 or e-mail dsparks@govst.edu.

Scholarship Spotlight – Sharon Lawrence



Sharon Lawrence

Sharon Lawrence of Richton Park received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences studying English and literature. She wishes to become a high school teacher.

Sharon's goal is to assist her students in learning to their greatest potential as well as mentoring them during a challenging time in their lives.

Mark Your Calendar for Convocation 2012 (07-09-12)

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to Convocation 2012, on Tuesday, August 14, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's Excellence Award winners.

Pierre Answers Call of the Pacific



Pierre's busy travel itinerary took him to Santa Monica, CA with Kristy Goodwin of the Admission Office.

GSU's favorite penguin hit the beach in Santa Monica and, like many visitors to the Pacific Coast, got buried in the sand up to his beak – Kristy calls it "sandbathing."

Santa Monica For information on how you can pick up your own penguin for travels near or far, and how to enter GSU View's Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, visit [Pierre's webpage](#).



Sandbathing

Don't Use Out-of-Date ZIP Code



Any GSU personnel still using letterhead or envelopes with the 60466 ZIP code should discard them immediately and switch to printed materials with the University Park ZIP code, 60484.

The University Park post office no longer recognizes the 60466 ZIP code for GSU; using the old ZIP will delay mail delivery.

The 60484 ZIP code for University Park, including GSU, went into effect on July 1, 2009. The university's nine-digit code is 60484-0975.

Sculpture Rocks! Comes to NMSP

Visit great artwork and then create your own masterpiece when the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) hosts Sculpture Rocks! on Sunday, July 15, from 2 to 5 p.m.

"We are looking for everyone, young and old, to share their artistic abilities with us," said NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates. "We supply the materials and, hopefully, the inspiration, and you do the rest. At Sol-a-bration 2010, the Sculpture Rocks! table was very popular and we are looking for contributions from anyone who wants to unleash their inner sculptor."

Sculpture materials are available for \$5. Bates said sculpture materials include wood, both natural and shaped, pegboard, Carrara marble, wire, cardboard, dowels, and markers.

Reserve Your Spot at Faculty-Staff Picnic

Food, games, music, and quality time with your GSU colleagues – they're all be part of this year's Faculty-Staff Summer Picnic. This year's picnic is on Friday, August 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The picnic is free for all faculty and staff. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and games are planned throughout the day.

The picnic is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost's Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

You must RSVP by July 15. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Volunteers are needed to make the picnic a success. To sign up as a volunteer, contact [Gina Ragland-Owolabi](#) at ext. 7559.

Down the Rabbit Hole at CPA

Alice in Wonderland, the beloved story of a girl who falls down a rabbit hole and into the adventure of her life, comes to the GSU Center for Performing Arts for a single performance on Thursday, July 19, at 11 a.m.

As presented by Chicago's Emerald Street Theatre, *Alice in Wonderland* is an exciting tale suitable for children three years of age and older. Emerald City has adapted Lewis Carroll's classic story to the stage for the whole family to enjoy.

Join practical Alice for a tea party with the Mad Hatter, a croquet match with the Red Queen, and a wild journey with the Cheshire Cat. Alice is taking a magical, unforgettable trip that is sure to delight the imagination of young theater-goers – and you're invited along.

Tickets are \$9 each for individuals and \$7 for groups of 20 or more. For tickets call the CPA box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

A Slamming Good Time

Enjoy an evening at the ballpark and a baseball game played by the future stars of the major leagues. The Civil Service Senate is selling tickets to the Joliet Slammers vs. the Windy City Thunderbolts game on Friday, July 20. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m., at Silver Cross Stadium, 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet.

Tickets are only \$10 each and must be purchased by July 11. For more information or to buy tickets contact [Andrea Dalpolo](#) at 708.534.4582.

President Maimon Announces FY 2013 Budget (07-05-12)



President Maimon

In a memo to the GSU community this week, President Maimon announced the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget allocations to the university's main budget units. The budget was recommended by GSU's Planning and Advisory Council (PBAC) following budget hearings in May and a final meeting in June, and carefully reviewed by Dr. Maimon and the PBAC co-chairs, Provost Terry Allison and Executive Vice President Gebeyehu Ejigu.

You can read Dr. Maimon's [memo](#) and review the [FY 2013 budget](#).

Pierre, Penguin of Science



Pierre and the cardinal

number. They also looked at the condition of the birds, took measurements of their weight, tail and wing length, and drew blood to test for the virus.

The photos show Pierre retrieving an American Robin out of the net and helping process a Northern Cardinal.

Pierre also got acquainted with several other birds, including a Red-eyed Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, and Indigo Bunting.

Pierre the Penguin took time out from his busy travel schedule this summer to help GSU biology faculty members Diane Gohde and Tina Whitney collect data for the West Nile Virus Research Project in Oak Lawn.

Pierre recently assisted Gohde and Whitney as they mist-netted birds and placed a band on their leg with a distinct



Helping a netted robin

Pierre is always glad to take part in scientific expeditions, especially those that benefit his fellow birds. You can take Pierre along on all sorts of trips this summer. For information on how you can pick up your own penguin for travels near or far, and how to enter GSU View's

Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest, visit Pierre's [webpage](#).

Scholarship Spotlight -- Stephanie Kurcab



Stephanie Kurcab of Woodridge received the Virginia M. Pizza Endowed Scholarship in Geriatric Care. She is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services' Occupational Therapy program.

Stephanie Kurcab wants to help people increase their functional life expectancy and would one day like to open her own rehabilitation facility.

Financial Aid Window Opens in Student Central (07-05-12)

Finding out about financial aid at GSU just got easier with the addition of a window in Student Central, located in the lobby area just inside the university's main entrance.

The financial aid window opened for the first time today. Like the other Student Central Services, it will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday.

Financial Aid Director Freda Whisenton-Comer said the window, at the top of the stairs in the Student Central area, provides a higher degree of privacy. Students will receive all financial aid services at the window, she said.

In the weeks to come, soft seating will be provided along the wall in the financial aid area, Whisenton-Comer said. "That will make it possible for our staff to sit down with some students while they're assisting them," she said.

The Start of a New Fiscal Year

As July begins, Assistant Vice President of Procurement and Business Services Tracy Sullivan reminds faculty and staff that a new fiscal year has started.

With the new fiscal year, she suggests that GSU personnel:

- Make sure they are in the correct fiscal year – FY13 -- when entering requisitions .
- Update any signature cards to reflect departmental changes or retirements.
- Contact the project office if training is needed.

Have a happy Fiscal New Year!

Ahoy! Penguin Aboard

Pierre the Penguin recently accompanied



Pierre and Minnie

penguin, and got to spend some quality time with Minnie Mouse.

Selina Ward of Financial Services onboard the Disney Dream Cruise Ship headed toward Castaway Cay, a private island. During the cruise, Pierre led the life of a pampered



Pierre at Castaway Cay

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Fourth of July Adjustment for Summer Hours

Due to Wednesday's Fourth of July holiday, all employees following the summer four-day work week should plan to work 7.5-hour days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If you have any questions about the holiday week summer schedule, please contact [Tony Tymkow](#) at ext. 4108.

A Swinging Summer with GSU Golf League

The GSU Golf League continues play on Tuesdays this summer at Golf Vista Estates in Monee. Tee time is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through the start of September.

The GSU Golf League is open to all members of the GSU community – students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni, and family members. Golfers at all ability levels are welcome.

A round of golf each week costs \$7 per person. Carts cost an additional \$7. The golf course is located at 5001 W. Augusta Boulevard, in Monee.

The Third Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing and Award Banquet takes place at University Club Conference Center, just across Stuenkel Road from GSU, on September 9.

The cost of the golf outing is \$75 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch, a dinner banquet, trophies, goodie bag, and door prize tickets. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Family members of GSU employees are invited to attend. The golf outing is sponsored by the GSU Spirit Committee.

Anyone wishing to join the GSU Golf League or register for the golf outing can sign up by calling [Hollie Campbell](#) at ext. 6813.

Sign Up for Faculty-Staff Picnic

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